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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SALES OF LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT TO
IVORY COAST

1. LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE B. W.MCRAY CALLED ON DIRECTOR OF CABINET IN DEFENSE MINISTRY SORO SEPTEMBER 7 ACCOMPANIED BY DEFENSE ATTACHE, TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR SALES OF C-130 OR L-100 AIRCRAFT. MCRAY TOLD EMBASSY THAT IVORIAL OFFICIALS, INCLUDING CHIEF OF AIR FORCE COULIBALY, HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PURCHASING TWO LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT FOR MILITARY AND TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS. MCRAY EXPLAINED TO IVORIAN OFFICIALS THAT C-130 PURCHASE WOULD, OF COURSE, REQUIRE EXPORT PERMIT FROM DEPTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE. IVORIANS HAVE EXPRESSED CLEAR INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF SUCH AIRCRAFT, WHICH WOULD COST IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$9 MILLION EACH.

2. FINAL DECISION AS TO WHETHER AIRCRAFT OF THIS TYPE WILL BE PURCHASED WILL INVOLVE HIGHEST LEVELS OF IVORIAN GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. EMBASSY BELIEVES AIRCRAFT COULD MAKE REAL CONTRIBUTION TO BOTH
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IVORIAN MILITARY AND TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS. INTHE

EVENT GOIC SHOULD OPT FOR C-130 WE WOULD HOPE THAT THERE
WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN PROCURING EXPORT LICENSE.
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